

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A data communication device for establishing data communication with an external communication device, comprising:

5 a reply unit for, if a request is issued from said external device, transmitting reply information corresponding to the request, and for storing the reply information in a memory;

a connection monitoring unit which monitors connection
10 with said external device; and

a transmission unit which transmits the reply information corresponding to the connection with said external device and stored in said memory to said external communication device if the connection with said external
15 device is abnormally cut off based on the result of monitoring by said connection monitoring unit.

2. The data communication device according to claim 1, further comprising:

20 a reply information destruction unit which destroys the reply information stored in said memory if the connection with said external device is normally released based on the result of monitoring by said connection monitoring unit.

3. The data communication device according to claim 1,
wherein

identification information for identifying the
request from said external device is included in the reply
5 information transmitted by said reply unit.

4. A data communication method for establishing data
communication with an external communication device,
comprising:

10 a reply step of, if a request is issued from said
external device, transmitting reply information
corresponding to the request, and of storing the reply
information in a memory;

a connection monitoring step of monitoring connection
15 with said external device; and

a transmission step of transmitting the reply
information corresponding to the connection with said
external device and stored in said memory to said external
communication device if the connection with said external
20 device is abnormally cut off based on the result of monitoring
in the connection monitoring step.

5. A computer readable medium for storing instructions,
which when executed on a computer, causes the computer to
25 perform:

a reply step of, if a request is issued from said external device, transmitting reply information corresponding to the request, and of storing the reply information in a memory;

5 a connection monitoring step of monitoring connection with said external device; and

a transmission step of transmitting the reply information corresponding to the connection with said external device and stored in said memory to said external communication device if the connection with said external device is abnormally cut off based on the result of monitoring in the connection monitoring step.

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